

St. Patrick Catholic Church

June 25, 2023

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Masses

Weekday	Mon - Sat 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM 1:00 PM (Español)

Daily Rosary	7:40 AM
Divine Mercy	Mon, Tu, & Fri after Rosary
Devotion to Our Lady	Wed. after Rosary
Liturgy of the Hours	Thurs after Rosary

For anointings, hospital visits, and
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Adoration

1st Thursday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
1st Sunday	2:00 - 7:00 PM
3rd Sunday	2:00 - 6:00 PM

Rosary & Adoration

Tuesday	Rosary @ 5:30 PM Adoration 6:00 –7:00
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Confession

Tuesday	7:30 AM-8:15 AM
Friday	5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Saturday	3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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PASTORS PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

This past Wednesday, Victor and I had the opportunity to attend the Golden Jubilee of Fr. Michael Kiernan. It was a beautiful celebration with Holy Mass and a lovely dinner following. It was a great opportunity and I had the chance to visit with many priests whom I don't often see. There were about 300 people in attendance and about 50 priests. We all gathered to give thanks to God for Fr. Kiernan's ministry and to celebrate with him. I was impressed by the variety of people both in terms of age and background, this was reflected in the group of priests as well.

In his closing remarks Fr Kiernan said something which became the foundation of my thoughts for this column. We all know the saying, "when it rains, it pours" and we all have had periods that seemed to be the theme of a season whether long or short. We also have the good times and we need to treasure and celebrate those good times especially in the bad and the difficult. I have found this to be very true as my family and I have grieved the loss of my grandmother. It seems every day I find myself more and more grateful for the gift of her life and presence in my own life.

A few Sundays ago we celebrated the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi, with nearly 200 people bearing a prayerful and beautiful witness to our Lord as we prayed and processed. This celebration was concluded with a potluck. Many hands went into the preparations, including some who didn't or couldn't participate in the procession or go to the potluck. Every aspect, every group of our parish was represented in the attendance. What a beautiful sight to behold! What a marvel for which to thank Our Lord.

We were also confronted with sacrilege and blasphemy as our state government and the L.A. Dodgers honored a group of impious men and their behavior. Our procession, in part, was an act of reparation; on the feast of the Sacred Heart nearly 50 of us gathered in solidarity with Catholics across the country to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart in Reparation. It was a beautiful experience. As we bring this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart to a close, I believe, as Fr Kiernan, expressed, can we see the beauty and joy despite the difficulties of life?

In Confession, I often tell people, "Gratitude is the reservoir of joy." I wish I could remember who said that but it's a wonderful and true saying no matter what. The struggles and temptations of life are always present, but the Sacraments and our mother the Church offer us a refuge of comfort, of hope, of joy.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

WE PRAY FOR:

Vida Santos, Bonnie Burke, Pat Chargin, Diane Damron, Marilyn & Tom Falls, Cathie Fideli, Gary & Linda Grube, Jack Harris, Jeff Hill, Joan & Tom Jacobs, Linda Kilass, Dee Lavrador, Wayne McHone, John Mercurio, Kathleen Montavon, Cheryl Riopel, Susan Roberts, Chuck Ryan, Frank Santos, Sue Schrag, Larry Schmidt, Dcn Rick & Maureen Soria, Stella Spring, Barbara Stephens, Maddie Testa, ...and their families.

Names are automatically included for 3 months, please call the office if you would like a different time frame.





Thursday June 29 In service day



FAIR TIME!

Great opportunity to help at the Knights of Columbus Fair Booth!

The Knights will be selling hamburgers, etc. as part of their annual fundraising. There are 135 shifts that we need to fill and we would love to have your help.

The shifts are 4 hours long and when you sign up you are entitled to, free fair entry and a free lunch or dinner at the booth! Such a great deal!

The dates are August 9th through August 13th and the shift choices are 10:00-2:00, 2:00-6:00 or 6:00-11pm. No experience necessary and the camaraderie in the booth is great fun. Bring friends, family, kids, grandkids (children must be 12 or older) groups of teens, etc.

Since we have many slots to fill, it works well to start to fill in the schedule early -for further information or to sign up, please contact Marilyn Peters

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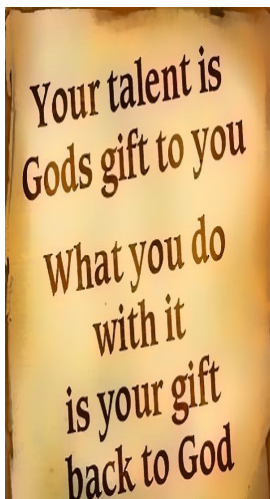
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FLOCKNOTE SIGNUPS COMING UP NEXT WEEKEND



STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings call us to recognize the challenging issues of fear and trust, important considerations if we are to live the stewardship way of life.

In our first reading, from Jeremiah, the prophet expresses sentiments we have all felt at some point in our lives, when he says, "I hear the whispering of many: 'Terror on every side!'" Perhaps today's "whispering" comes from the culture that insists we must think of ourselves, our own interests, our financial comfort first — only when we are certain that our own needs are met can we think of serving God and sharing with others.

Moreover, perhaps when we do consider stepping out of our comfort zones, additional fear-inducing whispers creep into our hearts — "you're too weak, or too broken to really live as Christ's disciple."

Yet, just when Jeremiah nearly surrenders to his interior doubts and fears, he remembers the truth of God's promise, "The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion."

The Lord knows that facing down our fears and choosing to trust Him with all areas of our lives is difficult and challenging in the course of our daily lives. Yet, He is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures.

Therefore, let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents and our treasure into trusting this great God, and using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.

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CREATION CARE

Sometime this summer, challenge yourself to a personal, family or group "unplugged" day or even a weekend – everyone can pledge to live without their tablet, laptop, phone, TV or radio. Instead, head outside, visit a park, go camping, enjoy each other's company and God's beautiful creation.

CEMETERY RESTORATION & CLEAN-UP DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Wednesday, July 5th, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm
Thursday, July 6th, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

IFM will provide the main dishes of hot dogs,
hamburgers and chicken, as well as drinks.

Guests can bring potluck dishes to share.

Open to ALL but we ask for you to RSVP.

Please include:
of guests
Your name and best phone #
If you are bringing a dish, please indicate type (appetizer, side
dish, dessert, etc.)
RSVP to: volunteer.ifmnc@gmail.com

There will also be an RSVP/Sign-Up Sheet on the counter in the Kitchen at IFM.



BOOKKEEPER POSITION

We are looking to recruit a bookkeeper to support our office team.

The role is 15 hours a week to do the bookkeeping for St Canice and St Patrick's church.

For more details, please email Father Estrella

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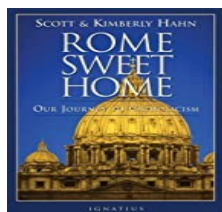
Ministry Update

We are a Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities. We have just completed our 38th year serving those in St. Patrick and St. Canice parishes. Our lessons this past season focused on the family tree of Jesus from the Old Testament, and on the Holy Seasons of the Church. Music, storytelling and prayer are an important part of this program. Our "doors" are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. The class will be starting up again in September 2023 with meetings on Sundays from 10am-11am. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Helen Albano (530) 210-1721.

OPENING DOORS MINISTRY

PARISH BOOK CLUB

All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the Book Club on Monday, July 24, at 1:30 P. M. in the Angel's Nest. We will be discussing *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*, by Kimberly and Scott Hahn. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee and



RCIA INQUIRY SESSION

Have you been worshipping with us, but never taken the step to become Catholic? Have you been Catholic all your life, but never celebrated the sacraments of initiation? Are you from a different faith background, and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith?

If you, or someone you know answered yes to any of these questions, please join us for the next session of this year's Inquiry of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) on Saturday, July 15th, from 9-11 AM in the RCIA room at St. Cecelia's Center. Contact Traci at (530) 575-0176 or rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org for any questions.



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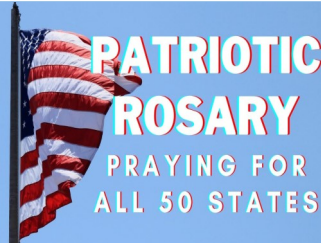
CULTURE OF LIFE

Thank you!

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

Thank you and may God bless all who donated gifts, time and talent to the St. Canice Baby Shower for Living Well Medical Clinic. You shared, made sacrifices and provided \$2700.00 in baby items and gift cards.



PATRIOTIC ROSARY ON TUESDAY JULY 4 AT 7:40 AM

Prayer For Our Nation

On Tuesday, July 4, there will be a Patriotic

Rosary prayed at St. Patrick starting at 7:40 am and followed by Mass at 8:30. You and your entire family are invited to join in praying for our nation – its freedoms, its greatness, its protection, its strength.

Internet sites, periodicals, and television news are filled with stories of attempts to get rid of God, religion, and the practice of faith, particularly the Christian faith. We must pray and fast as Our Lady has asked in her messages to the children at Fatima.

Please join us in praying the rosary for our nation. We will hear the words of our Founding Fathers, as relevant today as ever in our history. We pray individually for each state in our nation and each person in that state. Please join us as we lift our voices in singing our patriotic hymns following each decade of the rosary.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

If you find yourself alone and don't care to go solo to dine, see movies, travel, etc. then you are welcome to join the "Circle of Friends".

We are a ministry of St. Patrick Church who have

banded together those who are looking to enjoy the life around us in the spirit of Christian Fellowship. We are men and women without partners and we attend theater, movies, local activities and we sometimes travel. We love hostels and other affordable lodgings.

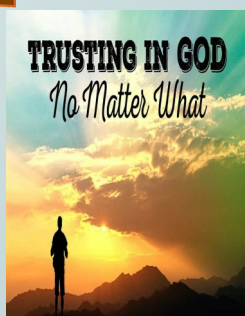
We meet once a month on the last Wednesday of the month in the small hall next to the rectory at 6:00 p.m. to share a potluck light dinner and plan our activities.

We would love to have you join us and if you have any questions, please feel free to call Ginny at 530-432-1175 or Dolores at 530-263-6537 and escott_place@sbcglobal.net or just come to our next meeting.

WEDNESDAY

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Intention
Mon 6/26	Saint John of the Goths	Gn 12:1-9	Mt 7:1-5 8:30	Merril, Betty & Ester King (D)
Tues 6/27	Saint Cyril of Alexandria	Gn 13:2-5	Mt 7:15-20 8:30	Andy & Dorothy Chervenick (D)
Wed 6/28	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga	Gn 15:1-12	Mt 7:15-20 8:30	Ken Jensen Family (D)
Thur 6/29	Saint Irenaus	Acts 3:1-10	Gal 1:11-20 8:30	Bod Martinet (D)
Fri 6/30	Saints Peter and Paul Apostles	Gn 17:1, 9-10	Mt 8:1-4 8:30	Ginger Murray (D)
Sat 7/01	Saint Junipero Serra	Gn 18:1-15	Mt 8:5-17 8:30 5:00	Reader Family (D) TBD
Sun 7/02	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kgs 4:8-11 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11	Matthew 10:37-42 7:30 9:00 11:00	Cilione Family (D) Giuseppe & Assunta (D) For the People



DEACON'S CORNER

"how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one-man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

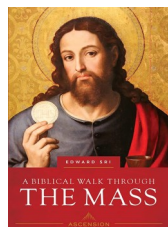


I wrote this article on Thursday morning shortly after morning prayer, and sat for a moment reflecting on the lives of the two saints whose feast day it is, St John Fischer and St. Thomas More. These two great saints lived in the tumultuous era of King Henry VIII, both saints were martyred because of their willingness to continue to be led by the Spirit of Truth. St. John Fischer was a theologian and bishop. And while imprisoned by Henry VIII for refusing to acknowledge Henry as head of the English Church, he was made a cardinal by Pope Paul III. Shortly after his appointment he was beheaded by Henry VIII. St Thomas More, famously known as the "man for all seasons" was a scholastic, lawyer and chancellor of England. Although a layman, the way he lived his life of intense spirituality and faithfulness was recognized by his countrymen. When he quietly refused to recognize King Henry as the head of the English Church, he joined St. John Fischer a few days later in martyrdom for remaining faithful to Church Teaching. Their lives personified the words of Bishop Hugh Latimer who began a homily with King Henry VIII present: "Latimer, Latimer, be careful what you say, the king is here!" He paused, and then as if in response to himself, he continued. "Latimer, Latimer, be careful what you say, the King of kings is here. Unfortunately, he gave into his fears of the king and became the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Church of England. Ironically, it did not spare his life because he was later executed by Queen Mary I.

Three times in today's gospel Jesus says to his disciples and us "do not be afraid" of what can happen to you here on earth. He asks us to put truth first, to put our relationship with God first. Jesus is so aware of how fear impacts us, we freeze, we flee or we fight. And many times the fight response is a fighting against, rather than a standing for. Jesus warns about fear because it stifles our humanity, silences us or can create irrational reactions. The worst aspect of fear is that fear builds on itself. In his book Scared to Life, Presbyterian Pastor, V. Douglas Rumford, shares a study that revealed 60% of our fears are unfounded, 20% have already happened, 10% are petty, 5% are real but there is nothing we can do about it, and 5% are real and they are things we can address.

In C. S. Lewis' book, The Screwtape Letters, "Screwtape" is a devil, a very accomplished tempter. Using any trickery he can, Screwtape turns people away from God. By his letters, Screwtape gives advice to Wormwood, his young nephew and apprentice who is just learning the deceptive ways of devils. In one letter, Screwtape writes to Wormwood, "Keep them anxious, make certain they are worried about something." — Remind people about their fears. Why this advice? Being a devil, Screwtape wants to get people so focused on their fears that they forget God.

A man visited a therapist because he had a fear of monsters living under his bed. He had been seeing this doctor for months. Every time he came in, the doctor would ask, "Have you made any progress?" Every time the man would say "No". The man decided to find another doctor. When he went back to his first doctor, the doctor asked, "Have you made any progress?" he said "Yes! I am feeling all better!" The doctor asked, "What happened?" The man said, "I went to another doctor and he cured me in one session!" The doctor asked, "What did he tell you?" The man said "He just told me to cut off all four legs of my bed and leave no space for the monster!" It is a big step for many of us, especially those of us who need to control our lives, but the most liberating gift we can give ourselves is to Trust in Our Lord. To trust that, in that which is most important, our souls, Christ will never abandon us.



A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Wednesdays Morning June 28th to August 16th 9:30-11:30 AM

At St. Canice Center

Thursday Evenings June 29th to August 17th 6:00-8:00 PM

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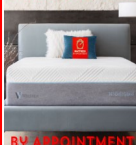


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